

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9-16 remain in the application. Claims 2, 8, 17 and 18 were canceled earlier in the prosecution. Claim 5 is canceled with this amendment. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations that had been in claim 5.

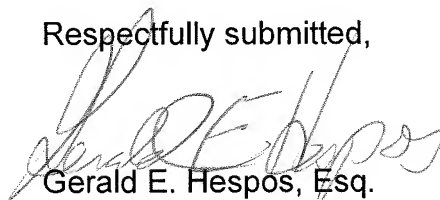
The applicants are pleased to note that claims 9-16 have been allowed. Those claims remain in the application and have not been amended further.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,849,085 to Marton. However, the Examiner merely objected to claim 5 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that claim 5 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form with all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable claim 5 had depended directly from independent claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations that had been in allowable claim 5. As a result, amended claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 3, 4, 6 and 7 depend from claim 1 and should be allowed as well.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the claims remaining in the application are directed to patentable subject matter and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is urged to contact applicant's attorney at the number below to expedite the prosecution of this application.

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